
SENATE BILL No. 376

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-7-2-35; IC 12-17.2-3.1; IC 12-17.2-3.2.

Synopsis: Committee on child care. Establishes the committee on child care. Specifies areas of study and reporting by the committee. Repeals the law concerning the board for the coordination of child care regulation.

Effective: Upon passage.

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January 11, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-35 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 35. "Committee"
3 means the following:

4 (1) For purposes of IC 12-8-3, the meaning set forth in
5 IC 12-8-3-1.

6 (2) For purposes of IC 12-15-33, the meaning set forth in
7 IC 12-15-33-1.

8 **(3) For purposes of IC 12-17.2-3.2, the meaning set forth in**
9 **IC 12-17.2-3.2-1.**

10 SECTION 2. IC 12-17.2-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
11 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 UPON PASSAGE]:

13 **Chapter 3.2. Committee on Child Care**

14 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the**
15 **committee on child care established by section 2 of this chapter.**

16 **Sec. 2. (a) The committee on child care is established.**

17 **(b) The committee consists of the following voting members:**



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(1) Six (6) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Not more than three (3) members appointed under this subdivision may be members of the same political party.

(2) Six (6) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. Not more than three (3) members appointed under this subdivision may be members of the same political party.

(c) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint two (2) advisory, nonvoting members who are not legislators. The members appointed under this subsection may not be members of the same political party.

(d) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two (2) advisory, nonvoting members who are not legislators. The members appointed under this subsection may not be members of the same political party.

Sec. 3. The committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council. However, the committee may meet throughout the year at the call of the chairperson, except when the general assembly is in session.

Sec. 4. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final reports.

Sec. 5. (a) The committee shall:

- (1) study child care regulation; and
- (2) report and make recommendations concerning child care regulation to the legislative council not later than:

(A) October 31, 2005; and

(B) October 31, 2006.

(b) The committee's recommendations under subsection (a) must further the following child care regulation purposes:

- (1) To provide support for families in need of reliable, high quality child care.
- (2) To encourage and support high quality child care providers.
- (3) To allow for a variety of methods of child care provision and allow each family to determine the method preferred for the family's children.
- (4) To set forth attainable measures of high quality and child care requirements within each method of child care provision.

(c) The committee's program of study must include consideration of the following:

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(1) The effect of child care and child care regulation on families.

(2) Encouragement of high quality child care through committee assessment and recommendation of nationally recognized child care provider quality accreditation organizations.

(3) Encouraging accreditation by organizations recommended under subdivision (2) through:

(A) a tiered reimbursement program under the federal Child Care and Development Fund voucher program administered under 45 CFR 98 and 45 CFR 99 based on child care provider accreditation; and

(B) designation of child care providers that are accredited.

(4) Amendment of the child care regulatory system in Indiana to:

(A) provide for one (1) license for all child care providers with various designations based on the method of child care provision and accreditations; and

(B) support and adhere to the purposes set forth in subsection (a).

(5) Any need for reorganization and refocusing of governmental agencies responsible for regulation of child care.

(d) The report required under subsection (a)(2) must include recommendations concerning:

(1) continued legislative monitoring of child care regulation by the committee or another legislative committee; and

(2) any amendment to the system of child care regulation that the committee determines is necessary.

Sec. 6. This chapter expires November 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. IC 12-17.2-3.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE].

SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

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